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SUBJECT

RECRUITMENT OF CUBAN EXILES
FOR PROPOSED INVASION OF HAITI

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SOURCE
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ON SEPT 6

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ARRIVED

IN MIAMI FROM NEW YORK.

CAME TO MIAMI TO CONTACT CUBAN FRIENDS OF THEIRS FOR A PROPOSED
FORCE OF 1000 CUBAN EXILES WHO WOULD BE USED TO INVADE HAITI

"WITHIN A TEN-DAY PERIOD". ALLEGEDLY THE INVASION WOULD BE SUPPORTED
BY THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT. ON THE EVENING OF SEPT,

RETURNED TO NEW YORK BY AIR IN ANSWER TO WHAT HE SAID

WAS "AN URGENT REQUEST FROM UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT REPRESENTATIVES".

HAD PLACED SEVERAL CALLS TO NEW YORK AFTER HE ARRIVED

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2. WHILE IN MIAMI THE CUBANS CONTACTED FRIENDS OF THEIRS IN AN ATTEMPT TO GAIN RECRUITS FOR THE HAITI OPERATION. AMONG THOSE WHO WERE CONTACTED WERE [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] SAID

THAT HE COULD PROVIDE 25 MEN FOR ANYTHING RELATING TO CUBA. [REDACTED] SAID THAT HE WOULD NOT COMMIT HIMSELF, OR 15 MEN WHOM HE COULD PROBABLY RECRUIT, UNTIL HE COULD OBTAIN CLARIFICATION OF THE ENTIRE AFFAIR.

[REDACTED] SAID HE WOULD BE INTERESTED IN JOINING THE OPERATION, AND HE PLEDGED SIX MEN FOR THE INVASION FORCE.

3. ON [REDACTED] SEPT, [REDACTED] INFORMED ONE OF HIS MIAMI REPRESENTATIVES THAT THERE WAS NO MONEY TO GIVE THE RECRUITED MEN. HOWEVER, [REDACTED] SAID THAT THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT WANTED 200 MEN INSTEAD OF THE ORIGINALLY PLANNED FORCE OF 100 MEN AND THAT EXPENSE MONEY FOR THE TRIP FROM MIAMI TO NEW YORK COULD PROBABLY BE PROVIDED FOR THE RECRUITS, BUT NO FURTHER FINANCIAL OBLIGATIONS COULD BE ASSUMED BY THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT.

4. ON [REDACTED] SEPT [REDACTED] CALLED ONE OF HIS MIAMI REPRESENTATIVES AND INSTRUCTED HIM TO GET TO NEW YORK AS SOON AS POSSIBLE BECAUSE "TIME IS DRAWING NEAR." [REDACTED] SAID THERE WAS A TRAINING BASE FOR THE HAITI INVASION FORCE AT AN UNIDENTIFIED LOCATION IN NEW JERSEY, WHICH WAS HEADED BY [REDACTED]

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THE GROUP HAD THREE AIRPLANES READY FOR USE IN THE INVASION,
AND LARGE QUANTITIES OF ARMS, SOME OF WHICH WERE STORED IN THE
OFFICE OF ROLANDO MASFERRER ROJAS, IN NEW YORK CITY. ARMS WERE
ALSO CACHED AT AN UNIDENTIFIED LOCATION IN MIAMI. [REDACTED] SAID
THAT CUBANS COULD USE HAITI AS A BASE OF OPERATIONS AGAINST CUBA
IF THE INVASION WAS VICTORIOUS AND DUVALIER WAS REMOVED.

5. FIELD DISSEM: CINCLANT, CINCSO, COMKWESTFOR, [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] STATE, FBI, CUSTOMS, I&NS, BORDER PATROL AND USCG. [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

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